

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SENDING ELECTRONIC MAIL
USING HUMAN HANDWRITING**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A web-based system for sending an electronic mail message containing simulated
human handwriting includes a website having a user interface whereby an email sender can
enter a message in text format directly into the website, convert the message into simulated
handwriting and forward the email to a recipient, without having to download or install
additional software. The email sender may tailor the appearance of the message by choosing
10 from a variety of formatting parameters including character size, color, pen type and choice
of script. From this information, a compressed graphic image of handwritten script is
created, which may then be presented to the sender for preview or editing prior to being sent
to the recipient. The generated compressed graphic images are encoded in standard formats
(e.g., GIF or JPEG) and sent using standard email protocols, which are acceptable to most
15 email readers, thereby eliminating the need for special-purpose software for the recipient.

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